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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

INFO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, TH

SUBJECT: SHAN NARCOTIC CONTROL PROPOSAL

REF: BANGKOK 5846

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU REPEAT REFTEL TO EMBASSY RANGOON FOR ITS INFORMATION.

2. WE APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW TO CHARACTERIZE THE SSA/SUA ALLIANCE AND WILL GIVE THEM DUE CONSIDERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR THE UPCOMING HEARINGS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SSA/SUA ALLIANCE IS NOT UNIMPORTANT IN TRAFFICKING TERMS, THOUGH IT IS LESS SIGNIFICANT AS AN INSURGENT THREAT TO THE GUB. WE THUS DO NOT PLAN TO UNDERRATE THE SSA AND SUA IN OUR PRESENTATION, BUT WE WILL WANT TO POINT OUT THE FACT THAT THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE OPIUM TRAFFIC

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GIVEN THE STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES OF OTHER GROUPS.

PART OF OUR RATIONALE, IN ADDITION TO THE NEED FOR  
CONSISTENCY IN OUR VARIOUS TALKS WITH WOLFF, IS OUR DESIRE  
TO PUT CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT ON THE ARGUMENT THAT PRE-EMPTIVE  
BUYING OF PART OF THE OPIUM CROP IS LIKELY TO DRIVE UP  
THE PRICE OF ILLICIT OPIUM SOLD BY OTHERS. THIS PRICE RISE  
COULD LEAD TO EXPANDED POPPY PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING.

THIS ARGUMENT IS IN ADDITION TO THE POLITICAL POINTS  
WHICH APPEAR TO CARRY LESS WEIGHT WITH WOLFF.

3. FYI: WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SEVERAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL  
WITNESSES WILL APPEAR AT THE HEARINGS NOW SCHEDULED TO  
BEGIN APRIL 22. AMONG THEM ARE LUCIEN HANKS, LONG-TIME  
RESIDENT IN NORTHERN THAILAND AND REPUTED EXPERT ON  
ETHNIC MINORITIES OF THE AREA, AND LAW YONE, FORMER  
NEWSPAPER EDITOR, ASSOCIATE OF EX-PREMIER OF U NU, AND  
WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF BURMESE EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY HERE.  
END FYI. KISSINGER

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